



# *The United States Army Band*

## *"Pershing's Own"*

Col. Thomas Rotondi, Jr., Leader and Commander  
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## *The U.S. Army Strolling Strings*

Providing a musical backdrop for many of the country's most notable events, The U.S. Army Strolling Strings serve as a premier ensemble of the U.S. Armed Forces. Since their inception during the Eisenhower administration, they have performed at the White House for every president since, and continue to serve as musical ambassadors in support of nationally significant State and military events of the United States.

The musicians in the elite ensemble have been trained at some of the most prestigious music conservatories and universities in the country. Unique to the ensemble is the use of the accordion, which adds a distinctive musical quality to the group's sound. Strolling amongst guests, The Army Strings present their audiences with an elegant and entertaining memorized program of music, ranging in style from Cole Porter and Gershwin to Broadway and patriotic favorites.

In addition to performances for the White House, The Army Strolling Strings also provide support for the State Department, the Supreme Court, the Department of Defense, and other Cabinet level functions, including Economic Summits of the Industrialized Nations in Williamsburg, VA, and Houston, TX, as well as historical meetings in Egypt and Moscow. They have performed for Queen Elizabeth II, the Camp David Accords, the inauguration of President Clinton, the Emperor of Japan, the Premier of China, and the presidents of Brazil, France, and Korea.

The elite Army musicians form the nucleus of The U.S. Army Orchestra and The U.S. Army Jazz Orchestra, which can be heard in performances throughout the National Capital Area.



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